
To: Harvey Packard for email distrib'n **Date:** November 12, 2003

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via: email **cc:** Sylvia Hamilton/SMNA

Subject: **MINUTES – PCAG MEETING OF 10/23/03**

PRESENT: See sign-in roster. John Mijares stood in for Harvey Packard, out of town for RWQCB meeting.

AGENDA: No new items proposed at the meeting outset. Meeting coordinated by Chair Sylvia Hamilton.

Minutes of 9/25/03 Meeting: The minutes were approved with revisions to the following sections:

Attendees - Rosemary Kamei (SCVWD) and Sig Sanchez were inadvertently omitted. Ed Tewes name was misspelled.

Specific Requests for Elected Officials - The intent of the PCAG was to issue two letters: one to the RWQCB, and one to elected officials.

RWQCB Status Report – John Mijares clarified that the RWQCB will issue a cleanup and abatement order for offsite contamination, in addition to onsite contamination.

Meeting Day/Time: The next two meetings, because of holiday conflicts, are slated for Friday 11/14 (2 – 4 pm) and Friday 12/12 (2 – 4 pm). After these meetings, the PCAG will return to its regular slot on the fourth Thursday of each month, 7-9 pm.

PCAG Mechanics: One member was lost due to heavy work commitments, and Matthew Crawford (realtor) has joined the PCAG.

Publicity - Additional help is needed in publicity. Evelyn Heinrichs offered to help. Possible avenues: San Martin Gwinn students (about 600 kids) take home a weekly folder, and the District has helped in publicizing informational public meetings. The Spaghetti Feed is a natural opportunity for information dispersal; the Lions Club wall space/info box is another posting area; area churches would likely be willing to spread information (the Dispatch apparently has a weekly list of local churches).

September PCAG Motions (Request for Elected Officials): Two helpful letters from Assemblymember John Laird were noted. A draft letter addressed to “elected representatives” and expertly crafted by Evelyn Heinrichs and Tracy Hemmeter (many thanks!!) was discussed. As noted above under *Minutes of the 9/25/03 Meeting*, two letters are needed. Markups on the draft letter were discussed.

Olin Update: John Mijares (RWQCB) provided a brief update, with points covered including:

- Two extraction wells have already been installed.
- The City of Morgan Hill has been contacted regarding the disposal of treated water, and an application is in with the City.
- Olin's "90% Design" report is due October 24, 2003, which will define the size of the system, and containment of affected water leaching through the site.
- Olin's quarterly monitoring report (for the quarter ending 9/30/03) is due October 30, 2003. If Olin cannot conclude from this data that the lateral and vertical extent of contamination is adequately known, then the report must contain a plan specifying how that information will be obtained. Most observers don't see how Olin can possibly conclude there's enough information, so details of their plan are greatly anticipated.
- Supplemental information is due from Olin on November 21, 2003 (date unsure) regarding onsite analyses and a re-evaluation of whether haul-off of contaminated soil from the site should be undertaken.
- As noted above, a "basin-wide" cleanup and abatement order will be "under development in forthcoming weeks" by the RWQCB.
- Tom Mohr (SCVWD) added that the RWQCB also asked Olin for evaluation of perchlorate detected north of the Olin site. In preliminary response, Olin submitted a plan to study flow patterns, to see if their site could be the source of this contamination. The City of Morgan Hill and SCVWD have issued comments on this plan, and the RWQCB will comment within a week. All indications are that there is insufficient data at present to draw firm, detailed conclusions on flow patterns, and that Olin's site as a contaminant source can't be ruled out at present.
- The RWQCB is developing a website to (a) post Board comments; (b) collect PCAG comments. RWQCB Agendas are very detailed, and new information and comments are highlighted to stand out from the other detailed background information contained in each Agenda).
- Bob Wood requested that the RWQCB present or explain Olin's 90% Design Plan to the PCAG, and it was suggested that TOSC be asked to provide a layman's summary.
- The PCAG needs to explore how best to collect and collate comment for input to the RWQCB, which is at the core of the group's mission.

Peter Forest provided an update for the San Martin County Water District regarding progress on providing treated water to one group of water users –

- On 9/23/03, his water district reviewed and approved a treatment plan covering about 200 homes. A lease agreement has been signed, with the cost to the district at \$10/year. The system is now being installed, with installation complete about 12/1/03, and the system ready to open soon thereafter. Bottled water to affected homes will be discontinued once the

system is online (probably January, 2004). The lease agreement for the treatment system extends until perchlorate content comes in below whatever the current standard is at that time; the RWQCB and Health Department must also both concur with discontinuation of the treatment/lease program. The SMCWD stressed that they have been nothing but pleased with Olin's response, and want to continue working with Olin. Olin will consider SMCWD's offer to hook up additional homes, if Olin pays for pipeline installation.

Jim Ashcraft (City of Morgan Hill) provided an admirably efficient update of the status of the City's Nordstrom and Tennant wells.

Other: Tracy Hemmeter (SCVWD) described the District's "Groundwater Guardian Program" and distributed a handout. She offered support to the PCAG on this, urging the group to form a "Groundwater Guardian Community."

Upcoming (at time of meeting): See discussion above regarding Olin reports due in October and November, 2003.

NEXT PCAG MEETING: *Friday November 14, 2003, 2 – 4pm at San Martin Lions Club Hall, 12415 Murphy Ave., San Martin.* Agenda items to Sylvia Hamilton (sylvialrs@hotmail.com).

Minutes submitted by Reid Fisher